

Cultural Heritage Coordinating Committee



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The CHCC coordinates the activities of participating agencies and institutions and its three working groups to advance U.S. interests to achieve the following goals:

Protect and preserve international cultural property

Prevent and disrupt looting and trafficking of antiquities, especially when linked to terrorist and criminal organizations

Protect sites of cultural and archaeological significance

Provide for the lawful exchange of international cultural property

Strengthen the ability of the executive branch to protect and preserve cultural property at risk from instability, conflict, natural disasters, or other threats

The Cultural Heritage Coordinating Committee (CHCC) coordinates diplomatic and law enforcement efforts to combat antiquities trafficking, disrupt trafficking networks, and protect against the looting and destruction of cultural property around the world. The Department of State established the CHCC in 2016 pursuant to the Protect and Preserve International Cultural Property Act, with the Cultural Heritage Center as its secretariat.

The CHCC comprises more than 12 U.S. government interagency partners including the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Justice, the Department of the Treasury, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Smithsonian Institution, and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The CHCC is composed of three working groups that include Technology, Public Awareness and Outreach, and the Cultural Antiquities Task Force.



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